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SUBJECT: ASEAN CONSULTATIONS WITH U.S.

REF: A) JAKARTA 5162; B) MANILA 5702; C) BANGKOK 7476

1. WE AGREE WITH MALIK THAT CONSULTATIONS WITH ASEAN COUNTRIES ARE IMPORTANT PRIOR TO A U.S. REAPPRAISAL OF ITS INTERESTS IN AND POLICIES TOWARDS SOUTHEAST ASIA, AND WITH AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN THAT THE TIME TO CONSULT IS NOT YET. IN THE THAI CONTEXT, CONSULTATIONS AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME WOULD BE DOUBLY HELPFUL IN VIEW OF BOTH THE PRESIDENT'S AND THE SECRETARY'S RECENT PUBLIC EXCLUSIONS OF THAILAND FROM THE LISTS OF ASIAN COUNTRIES WITH WHOM WE WOULD BE CONFERRING IN THE COMING MONTHS. WHEN THE TIME IS RIPE, THE RELATIVE MERITS OF AN ENVOY OR A SPECIAL MESSAGE WILL BE CLEARER.

2. CHARGE' WILL FIND OCCASION TO GO OVER THE GROUND WITH CHATCHAI BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR ASEAN MEETING AND WOULD WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR POINTS TO BE COVERED IN ADDITION TO THOS DISCUSSED DURING CHARGE'S APRIL 25 MEETING WITH HIM. ONE THING CHATCHAI WILL BE

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PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN IS OUR VIEW TOWARD THE

PROPOSED "ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY." DO
WE HAVE ANY FURTHER THOUGHTS ON THIS?

3. IN MEANTIME, WE HAVE ALREADY, AS INSTRUCTED, OPENED
BILATERAL DIALOGUE WITH RTG (REF C).
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